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tions and Reform

Biography: Republican, of Novi; born January 26, 1944; B.A., Ohio University, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, M.S. and Ed.S., University of Michigan; married to Victor; two children and five stepchildren; city councilwoman, Novi City Council, 1985-1993, 1995-1996; school psychologist, Novi Community Schools, 1980-1996; teacher, Cleveland, Ohio, Public Schools, 1966-1968; former secretary, 11th Congressional District Republican Committee; member, Republican Committee of Oakland County Executive Committee since 1994, Republican precinct delegate, Board of Directors, Farmington Area YMCA, Novi Partnership in Education, Novi Youth Forum; Novi Schools' Long Range Planning Team, appointed by Governor Engler to Michigan Information Advisory Board; Republican Alliance to Identify Solutions in Education Task Force and Senior Citizen Task Force; Legislator of the Year, National Republican Legislators' Association, 1999; Paul Harris Fellowship Award, Rotary Foundation of Rotary International; Best Politician on Business Issues, Insider Business Journal, 1999; Legislator of the Year, Michigan Credit Union League, 1999; Legislative Leadership Award, Michigan Soft Drink Association, 1999; "Who's Who - Business Leaders," Insider Business Journal, 2000; House Advocate of the Year Award, Michigan Manufacturers Association, 2001; Michigan School Psychologists' Legislator of the Year, 2002; 2003 Small Business Association of Michigan Legislator of the Year; 2004 Building Owners and Manufacturers Legislator of the Year; elected to the House of Representatives, 1996 special election to fill vacancy, also elected to 1997-1998 term, reelected, 1998, 2000; elected to the State Senate, 2002, 2006; Senate Republican Caucus Chair, 2007.

